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He stands in the middle of this place, smokes his cigarette, savors the quiet, the company, and the familiar view of the farm below, where McNeill and the kin now buried here have toiled for more than 200 years.

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Annabelle takes a hard line against selling. She invokes the wishes of her sister-in-law Louise to back herself up, suggesting the writer would roll



McNeill's grandson Jamie helps him bale hay. The family hopes the 16-year-old will one day follow in his grandfath-

er's footsteps, but Jamie dreams of a better-paying job in construction.

over in her grave if that grave were ever to become part of someone else's back yard.

"Of course — Lord oh mercy — she just thought that the land just has to go on and on and on

in the McNeill name. She'd never think of selling it."

"I'm not that extreme," her husband says.

"So it was with us, and is with us still, over two hundred

years and nine generations of the farm keeping us, and we believing that we keep the farm. But that is not the way

A farming tradition in Pocahontas

McNeills
ponder future:
Keep or sell

"I know, deep down, that our one old farm is only a ragged symbol, a signet mark for all the others, the old and far older hard-scrabble mountain farms of Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, all the briery fields scattered across the mountains south. And how the earth holds us is still a dark question. It is not the sucking deepness that draws us, for the earth is mother, protector, the home; but the oppressor too. It requires, sometimes, the very lifeblood of its own, and imprisons the fly-away dreams and bends the backs of men and women. Yet to love a familiar patch of earth is to know something beyond death..." Louise McNeill, "The Milkweed Ladies"

By Kristen Svingen
SUNDAY GAZETTE-MAIL

BUCKEYE — He's slightly hunched, short of breath, and makes the short trip between his pickup and the cemetery's chain-link fence slowly, haltingly.

Inside, beyond the reach of his herd of 60 cows, overgrown grass conceals the cracked and crooked tombstones on the older graves. As if human, those stones seem to have shriveled with the decades, decades that stretch well into the last century.

Jim McNeill passes the first and freshest grave on this patch of land, as wide and long as a house. He considers the mound of dirt that yet awaits a tombstone to consummate it.

"I guess that'd be my... The old farmer pauses a few moments. His devoted mut Dew tramp watches expectantly. "Second cousin," he says finally.

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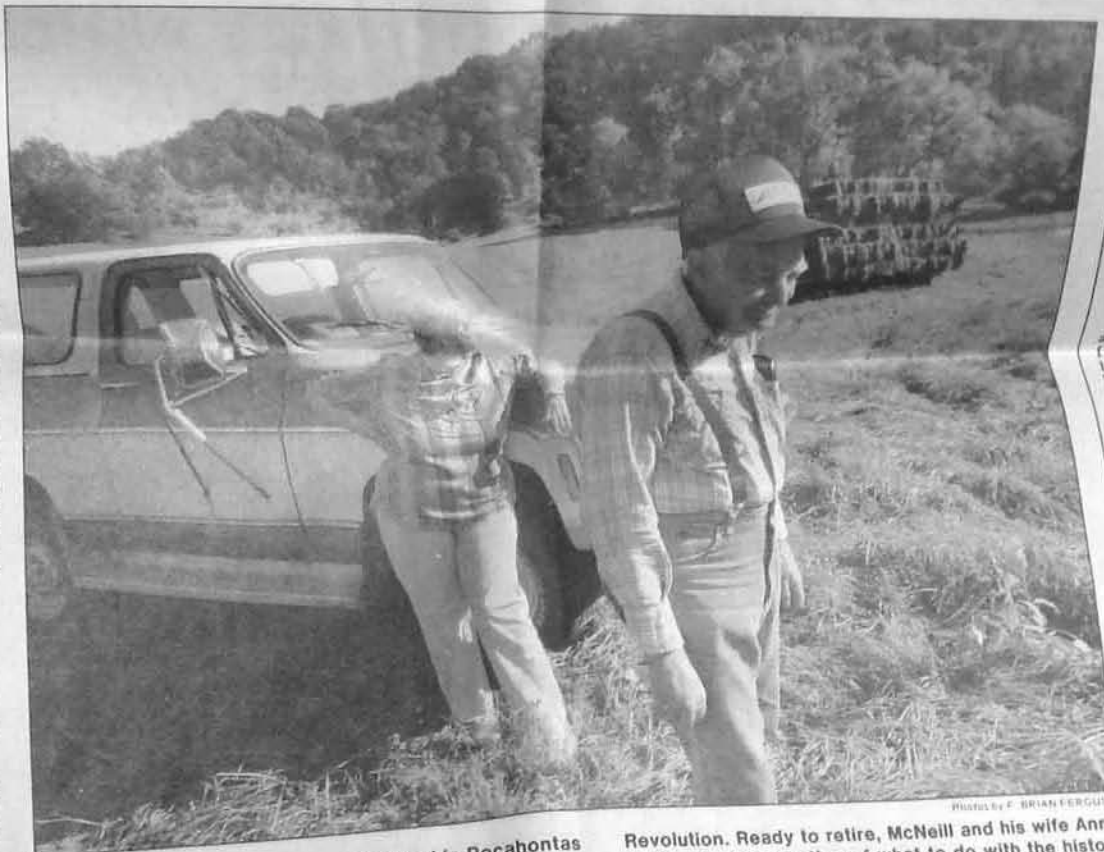


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Ivins first Chilton lecturer

A free public event will be added to the cultural life of the Kanawha Valley Monday night — the first program of the W.E. Chilton III Leadership Lectures Series, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center in the Capitol Complex.

■ Book review: 38

Whimsical, iconoclastic, national columnist Molly Ivins is the first Chilton lecturer. The Texas-based writer — who says she covers politics and "other bizarre happenings" — is known for her sardonic commentaries on public sham and hypocrisy.



Ivins

Retired Gazette Editor Don Marsh is to introduce Ivins at Monday's program. She will be

See IVINS Page 2C

Newsprint costs force price hike

The price of home-delivered subscriptions to The Charleston Gazette, the Charleston Daily Mail and The Sunday Gazette-Mail will increase Oct. 2.

For seven-day subscriptions that are delivered to the home, the increase will be 35 cents a week — from \$2.25 to \$2.60 a week. Six-day subscriptions, which

will go from \$2.00 to \$2.35 a week, and Sunday-only subscriptions will increase by 25 cents to \$1.30 a week.

Single copy and newsstand prices will remain unchanged.

Jack Findley, president and general manager of Charleston Newspapers, said the increase was necessary because of a dramatic increase in the price of newsprint. Later this year and throughout next year, the cost of newsprint is expected to go up more than \$100 a ton. Charleston Newspapers uses more than 9,500 tons of newsprint a year.

Also, in an effort to improve delivery service, Findley said, Charleston Newspapers will be increasing the profit earned by its newspaper carriers.

Nevertheless, Findley said, after this price increase, the Gazette and Daily Mail will continue to rank among the lowest-priced papers in West Virginia.

Charleston Newspapers is the publishing agency of the Ga-

2006

Calendar of Events



Artwork: Larry McDowell, Mr. Zon, WV, winner of the Adult category, History is Alive Art Contest



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www.wvstateparks.com

Grandma Lee
died in 1916

Dad went to work

Age 10 - May 1st Carried water for yard crew.
J.R. Lee Co - Roney (Saw mill) at Watago got.
75¢ a day.

Age 11 - Picked wood from Conveyer for Forest
McClure for 50¢ a day.

Age 12 - Sliced inside mill for 1.75 a day.
~~He~~ Picked Stupid late same year for
Promotion only not pay - got ^{car} on
Ug - where the cogs hit his leg.

Age 13 - went to work on Carriage in April
got, 2.00 per day (Logging)

Age 18 Stayed until the mill ^{was out} ~~left~~ + Dad
(Wm. Tome bought from Roney) - \$2.00 per day

Age 18 - went to Clover Dick at young's Store
left Store to go to set block 7.5. Wm.
Lee Co. - 3.50 per day.

Age 19 - Went to Raywood - Set blocks + Served
for Warren Lee Co. Bob - ~~Ray~~ Harry
got \$6.00 per day. + Preston (boss)

Age 20 - went to Mt. Grove - 7 set blocks for
J.E. Moore Lee Co. - 4.50 a day ^{until} Nov, 1917

Age 20 Dec. 5th 1917 - Jan - 1918 went to
Brownville as Braker on Penna Railroad

27 saw mules
on Greenhill

$$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{5}$$

Lat - Ex ha list as brakeman. Pd - 75⁰⁰
per week - work day + night to get
that. (Lullie pop engine) - worked there
~~for~~ 6 mo.

Age 21 - ~~Bake~~ Back to Spica Run to Saw
mill as block settler & yka Sawyer -

1918 Mill as block settin + syka sawer -
 Rec. 4 50 per day. Wiseman Mill Sawmen
 Eng.

Agg. Did everything in hand - mill except - Statues. ^{engraved}
file saw. - Blanche born that yr.

Age 22 → Came to Campbelltown 1st April 1919.

22 Came to Campbelltown 12 April 1919.
Started in store keeping with Uncle Buzell.
Stayed there until he spent all the
money he had. Stayed there until
I said to Bill Van Rensselaer. about a yr.

23 - Helped build road $(\frac{45}{219})$ on rock crushed
mail. to Camp.

24 - ¹⁹⁹² Forest - ^{Saved} Burgess & Dad worked for ^{the} ^{sons} Barlow on
Lakelicia road. P.O. at Hills.
mom & Aunt Vallie run store in the yard
where I was born.

090 апрел 5-н 1922

25 - Went to work Clifton Forge Grocery Co.
Stayed there for - 27 yrs.

52 New Bid - 4A-50 - Mixed - Poca. Geo. Co.
Made in 1947 - 495/1000 Summer 1955

59 Worked for Poe Co. Jan - 1962 - 7 yrs.

5967 " " Cor. " Co. - 1962 B yrs.

6265 " " Rickward " " - May 15 1965 + been there 13 & still going

MARVIN DUNBRACK'S HISTORY

Peter Dunbrack, son of John Dunbrack and Jean Hawthorne of Meaghers' Grant, Nova Scotia, born October 1823 died 1887, married Charlotte Sophia Innes, daughter of Richard Innes, Lake Porter, Nova Scotia, November 16, 1852.

Alexander George Dunbrack was one of their family of ten children. He was born November 11, 1853, in Middle Musquodoboit, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, Canada. He died July 18, 1936, in Campbelltown and was buried in Mt. View Cemetery in Marlinton, West Virginia.

George Dunbrack left the Dunbrack farm in Canada in 1873 at the age of 20. He was a white pine woodsman and as a teamster worked for \$1 per day plus board for the St. Laurence Lumber Company and also worked on the log river drives. The last drive he worked on was 1907 on Greenbrier River. His later years spent as a farmer. He married Harriet Ann Ryder May 7, 1889, and to this union were born six sons and five daughters. Their children are:

	<u>Born</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Married</u>
Loucrisia	February 11, 1882	August 29, 1963	George Campbell
Irvine	April 4, 1890		

Brooklyn McLaughlin

Born April 21, 1980

Daughter of Gary and
Jona McLaughlin

Marvin Dunbrack was born at Beaver Creek close to Huntersville on May 1, 1897. He has held various jobs throughout his life and started to work at the age of ten as a water boy for 50¢ a day for J. R. Droney Lumber Company at Watoga. He worked for the Ban Sawmill of Greenbrier Division at Cloverlick, Raywood, Mt. Grove, Virginia and Spice Run doing all jobs at sawmill with exception of sawfiler and lumber grader. Worked for Pennsylvania Railroad as brakeman in January 1918. Owned and operated store in Campbelltown, was Grocery Warehouse Supervisor for Clifton Forge Grocery Company from 1922 to 1930. Salesman and Manager of the Pocahontas Grocery Company from 1930-1965. His work extended into Randolph and Greenbrier Counties. He was salesman for Covington Wholesale for two years

storeowners still living that he called on, and all salesmen that worked this territory as a competitor are now deceased. He also bought and sold ginseng for 58 years.

Marvin has been active as a member of the Campbelltown Methodist Church since May 1922, where he taught a youth class of boys with an enrollment of twenty-two--average age, eighteen. He was Sunday School Superintendent and teacher of the adult Bible class for 50 years, and although he retired at age 84, he is frequently called on to teach as a substitute teacher.

Marvin also worked as a laborer at the rock crusher using a sledge hammer to crush rock small enough to go through the crusher. He helped build the now existing Rt. 219 from Marlinton to Campbelltown.

Marvin recalls that ladies worked at the Empire Kindling Wood Company at Watoga to bundle kindling blocks about 2" long to be shipped by railroad car lots to different cities to be used as fuel. Marvin's sister, Clara, worked at this job and was paid 20¢ for 100 bundles, making \$1 to \$1.50 per day.

May 1 - at River Street

May 1 - 1897. Son of George & Mary Ryan, the
age 85 yrs. etc. was born

father coming down from Canada in 1873 to make
his home in the 21st St. ~~He~~ ^{He} was born
included a set of 5 daughters & others the
set of 7 girls in 1897 - 3 girls - the just

mother married twice in 2 children (dead)
d in the father 5 daughters - 1 male born, then 1 girl
George's daughter, Linville Th. 1 male, 1 female - 11 granddaughters
d 11 years past.

mother, has had numerous other children
also, starting to work at the age of 10 as a
day for J. R. Army Co. at average, at age 17
then was hired as a "digger" with the same Co. She
had worked for the ^{in 1897}

a land. Some of her children were
at Cleveland, Raymont, Mt. Vernon, Va. 1 place from during
all into at the same time with exception of daughter
& her son. She also worked for many years
Railroad as a bookkeeper in 1918. First this employment
~~all the time to 1918. First this employment~~
Returning to the Co. in 1919 he left the same time operations & moved
to Camp Hill, & later a heavy business as a

manager, continuing in the growing business he became
Heavy Machine Engineer, you after George's Heavy
Co. from 1911-57. He at this time the other
large to put to the Rockwell Heavy Co. & the
Gallman & Manager from 1952-1965. He He











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Deep Ware House







School House - Dry Creek
Teacher - Edna Kellison

Students: Maude Bowers
Mary Barnes
Lonnie Gamston
Mildred Musie
Pearl Cochran
Grace Barnes

(over) -> Ike Addison
Hester McElue (McEl)
John Gay
Maggie Bowers
John Hause

CTA

WHO DARES TO TEACH
MUST NEVER CEASE TO LEARN

CTA

PROGRAM

Invocation - Mr. J. K. Arbogast

Group Singing - Leader, Miss Edith May
Pianist, Mrs. Bonnie Hill

Introduction of Guests -

Report on CTA Leadership Conference -
Mrs. Margaret Cole
Miss Patsy Ruth Fields

The Poor Scholar's Soliloquy -
Miss Madeline McNeill

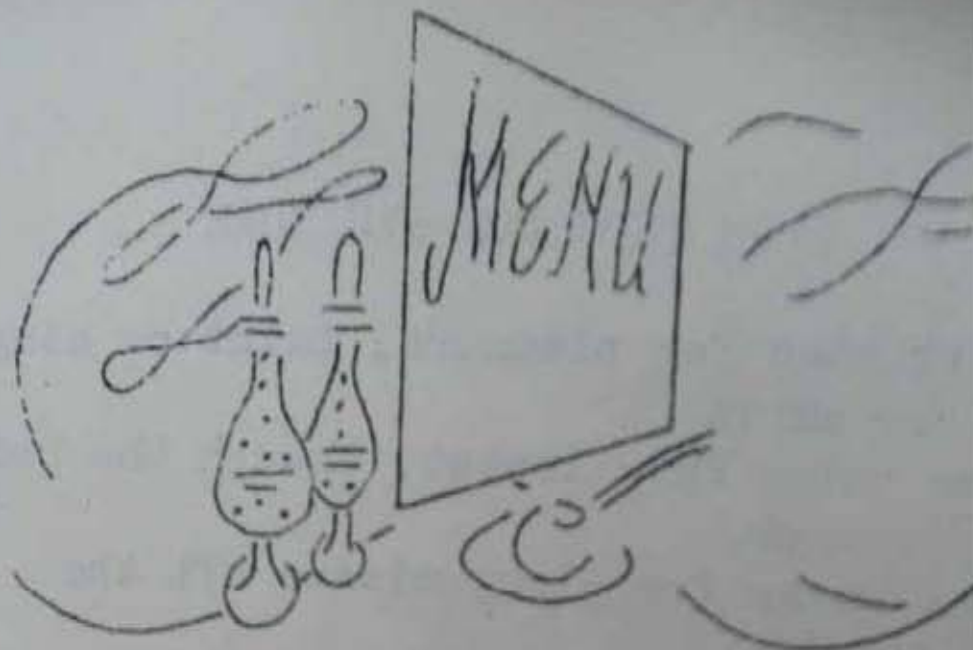
Presentation of New Teachers -
Mrs. Bonnie Brooks

Presentation of Certificates and Pin
to Retired Teachers - Mr. M. H. Brooks
Mrs. Macel Harris

GUEST SPEAKER - Dr. Cora A. Lowrey
Director of Professional Services NTEA

Announcements -

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"Eat, drink, and be merry,
For tomorrow ye diet."

BAKED HAM

MASHED POTATOES - GRAVY

GREEN BEANS - HARVARD BEETS

WALDOFF SALAD

HOT ROLLS - BUTTER - JELLY

CAKE WITH SAUCE

COFFEE - TEA

.....

(Dinner prepared and served by the Ladies of the
Episcopal Methodist Church.)

IF WE WERE REALLY WISE

I saw tomorrow marching by
On little children's feet;
Within their forms and faces read
Her prophecy complete.
I saw tomorrow look at me
From little children's eyes;
And thought how carefully we'd teach--
If we were really wise.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY
CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Annual Dinner Meeting

November 29, 1956

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WORK THOU FOR PLEASURE

Work thou for pleasure; paint or sing
or carve
The thing thou lovest, though the body
starve,
Who works for glory misses oft the
goal;
Who works for money coins his very
soul,
Work for work's sake then, and it well
may be
That these things shall be added unto
these.

- Kenyon Cox

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To be good is noble, but to tell others how to be
good is nobler and no trouble. - Mark Twain

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when
he sticks his neck out. - James Bryant Conant

It takes less time to do a thing right than it
does to explain why you did it wrong.
- H. W. Longfellow

The greatest glory of a freeborn people is to
transmit that freedom to their children.
- William Harvard

There is in every man something greater than he
had begun to dream of. Men are nobler than they
think themselves. - Phillips Brooks

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Focahontas County CTA wishes to express their congratulations and commendations to the following retired teachers of Focahontas County for their long and faithful service.

Miss Elsie J. Adkison	1909-1954
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Mr. A. W. Hill	1896-1941
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Dr. George D. McNeill	1894-1940
Mr. Charles Spencer	---
Mrs. Clara P. Wade	1914-1956
Mr. E. B. Wilmoth	1908-1947
*Mrs. Rachel Wooddell	1909-1955

*Teaching 1956-1957

A TEACHER'S PRAYER

God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change, courage to
change the things I can, and wisdom to
know the difference.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM - 10¢

POCAHONTAS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

WELCOMES YOU TO . . .

Pioneer Days

July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1971



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The Museum



The Pocahontas County Historical Society was first organized in 1961, and incorporated in 1962 when it acquired its home and museum from the late Mrs. Frank Hunter. The house was built by the Hunters when he was the first cashier of the Bank of Marlinton.

The grounds around the museum consist of approximately two acres lying between US Route 219 (Seneca Trail) and the Greenbrier River. On the right of the entrance are the gravestones of 40 Confederate soldiers. To the left are the graves of several of the early members of the Price family.

The museum was dedicated in 1963 by the then governor of West Virginia, W.W. Barron, and Pearl Buck, world renowned author who was born in Hillsboro, Pocahontas County. The library room in the museum was named in Pearl Buck's honor.

The Pocahontas County Historical Society, Inc., is owned by public spirited citizens throughout the county, state, and nation. Membership in the Society may be obtained by paying the \$1 membership dues.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pioneer Days Souvenir Badge for \$1.00 required for persons 6 years of age and older. Entitles holder to all events except Horse Show, Horse Pulling Contest and Miss Pocahontas Pageant. There is a charge for the surrey and antique car rides, but the wagon rides to and from the Museum are free. The wagons will stop at the Museum, in front of the Presbyterian Church on Main St. and at the High School. On Saturday the wagons will stop at the Rifle Contest.



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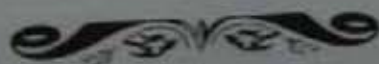


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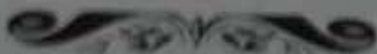
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FRIDAY'S ACTIVITIES

- 10:00 A.M. -- Bake Sale at Richardson's Store.
10:30 A.M.-8:00 P.M. -- Craft Corner, 4-H Exhibits, Bake Sale, Flower Show, Quilt Show, Old Kitchen Display, the Jack Jeffers Photo Exhibit at Marlinton Gym.
11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. -- Food at Museum (see p. 17).
11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. -- Food at Fire House (see p. 23).
11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. -- Surrey rides to and from the Museum. The surrey will travel through the Greenbrier River from the Presbyterian Church to the Museum with a charge of 50¢. Antique Car rides originating from Presbyterian Church, 50¢.
11:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. -- Wagon rides to and from the Museum, available to those wearing the Pioneer Day Badge.
Noon-7 P.M. -- Percussion Rifle Shooting Contest across Knapps Creek from the Board of Education Office. Regulation rules will be strictly enforced. Rifles furnished or bring your own. Practice shooting at 25¢ a shot. There is an entry fee of \$1.00 for the contest, with prizes being awarded on Saturday at 6:30 P.M. at place of contest.
1:30 P.M. -- Old Time Spelling Bee at the Museum. All ages. Cash awards.
2:00 P.M. -- Pocahontas County History Contest at Museum. Cash award.
2:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M. -- Tours of Huntersville, first County Seat. Inquire at Information Tent.
4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. -- Spaghetti Dinner, Marlinton Methodist Church.
6:00-7:30 P.M. -- Horseshoe Pitching Contest at Museum. (Singles and Doubles)
7:30 P.M. -- Frog Hop and Turtle Races at the Marlinton Athletic Field for children ages 6-14. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will be awarded-one entry per child. All entries must be in by 7:00 p.m.

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Four turtles and four frogs will be in each heat until three winners are picked. Sponsored by American Legion and V.F.W.
8:30 P.M. -- Program at Museum featuring the Little Swiss Dancers, a scene of Pocahontas County History. Special guests Dottie Clutter O'Donnell and her husband, Dennis O'Donnell (Dottie Clutter O'Donnell is the daughter of Mrs. Eva Beard Ferhl and the late Eric Clutter and was raised in Hillsboro.) Bring a folding chair if possible.

Friday Night Program

Program beginning at 8:30 P.M.-Pocahontas County Museum
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as she returns to her native county to sing in the style of yesteryear-those songs handed down through generations-conveying joy, heartache, events transmitted mainly through folk singing. She will be joined by her husband, Dennis O'Donnell, in some of the response numbers.

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SATURDAY'S ACTIVITIES

- 9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. -- Wagon rides to and from Pioneer Days Events.
9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. -- Surrey rides to and from Museum at a charge of 50¢; also Antique Car rides at a charge of 50¢.
9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. -- Exhibits and Craft Corner at Marlinton Gym (see Friday's Activities for details).
9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. -- Percussion Rifle Shooting Contest (see Friday's Activities for details).
10:00 A.M. -- Bake Sale at Museum.
11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. -- Food at Museum.
10:00 A.M.-Noon -- Craft Demonstrations at Museum.
10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. -- Hamburgers and hot dogs at First National Bank parking lot.
11:00 A.M. -- Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner, Presbyterian Church.
1:30 P.M. -- Parade.
3:00 P.M. -- Horse Pulling Contest at Athletic Field (See p. 21).
4:30 P.M. -- Ox Roast at School Cafeteria.
6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M. -- Horseshoe Pitching Contest at Museum.
7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. -- Mountain Folk Music Contest (See p. 21).
9:00 P.M.-11:30 P.M. -- Square Dance in front of Southern States Store, sponsored by Marlinton Lions Club. Music by The Quad-reelers.
9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. -- Social Dance at Marlinton Gym-\$5.00 per couple, sponsored by Marlinton Jaycees. Music by The Nu-Notes. Popcorn, Sno Cones and Kiddie Rides will be on First National Bank lot throughout weekend.

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1971 Pioneer Days Badge

by Katherine R. McClure

Because 1971 is the Sesquicentennial Year for Pocahontas County, the Pioneer Days badge pays tribute to the first county courthouse which was located in Huntersville.

On June 5, 1822, a deed for land for the purpose of locating a county seat of justice was given to the justices of Pocahontas County and their successors in office, by John Bradshaw and wife. Upon this land a brick courthouse, a brick office for the county clerk and a brick jail were constructed. Huntersville was the center of the county government between 1821 and 1892.

The first county clerk was Josiah Beard who served ably in this position even prior to the building of the brick courthouse when the first courts convened in the house of John Bradshaw.

The safe keeping of the county records was not exactly a routine task. At the time of the breaking out of the War the Hon. William Curry was serving as both circuit and county clerk. When it became evident that the Federals would invade the county the court ordered Mr. Curry to remove the records to a place of safety. In compliance with this order he caused them to be taken to the private residence of Joel Hill, Esq., in the Little Levels. Here they remained until Jan. 11, 1862, when Mr. Curry became alarmed as to the safety of so valuable a charge thus placed in his custody. He therefore caused them to be removed to Covington, Virginia, where, for a short time, they lay in the clerk's office of Allegheny County. From here they were taken to the storehouse of Captain William Scott. In Sept. 1863 Gen. Averill's Federal command reached Covington, and Mr. Curry again removed the records--first to the residence of William Clark, then to a stack of buckwheat straw, in which they lay concealed for three weeks, and were then conveyed into the mountains and stored

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away at the house of a Baptist minister. Here they remained until after the surrender at Appomattox.

The storm of war had now passed away, and Mr. Curry, in Jan. 1865, returned with the records and once more deposited them in the house of Deal Hill. Here they remained one month and were then taken to a vacant house belonging to the Rev. Mitchell Tinsley where they remained until Sept. 1865 when the first court convened after the close of the War (Nov. 1865) in the Methodist Church at Hillsboro. From that time they were kept in the "old academy building" until June 1866 when they were taken back to the county seat and deposited in the house of John Carson.

More than five years had passed since their first removal, and strange to say, not withstanding all the vicissitudes of war through which they passed, only one thing was lost and that was an old process book of no value.

Hummersville, the first county seat, gained its name from the fact that it became a center where hunters and trappers could trade pelts, venison and gibsons for salt, coffee, powder, lead, a few pieces of calico, etc.

The courthouse is situated on the left bank of Knappa Creek, six miles from its mouth. It is surrounded on all sides by lofty mountains and has the appearance of an Alpine village. Its elevation is 2000 feet above the Atlantic.



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Parade forms at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Marlinton Stockyards and starts at 1:30 p.m.

1:15 p.m. Little Swiss Folk Dancers will perform on Main Street.

Parade Committee: Marlinton Jaycees
Co-Chairmen: Lyle Campbell, Kenneth Cohenour, Doug Dunbrack and Ernest Shaw
Master of Ceremonies: Walter Jett

Introduction of distinguished guests, followed by the parade.

Presentation of winning entries and awarding of prizes.
Presentation of winning entries in the Pioneer Days Art Contest, oldest couples contest, person traveling the longest distance (must register at information booth to qualify), and most authentically dressed store clerk.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded in five classes and will be based on the most original Pioneer Days outfit.

1. Horse and rider.
2. Horse or oxen and buggy, surrey, buckboard, wagon or any type of horse or oxen-drawn conveyance.
3. People walking.
4. Western class.
5. Floats.
6. Antique Car -- trophy only.

There will be a \$40 cash award for First Place and \$30 cash award for Second Place in each class. Trophy only for Third Place in each class. The exception to this is the Antique Car Class where only the First Place winner will be awarded a trophy.

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